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SUBJECT: GREEK PRESS REACTION TO HELSINKI SUMMIT

1. ALTHOUGH THE TRIAL OF THE APRIL 1967 COUP LEADERS CONTINUES TO BE THE MAJOR STORY IN THE ATHENS PRESS, THE CSCE SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI IS ALSO RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION. EARLIER REPORTS, BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE, CONCENTRATED ON SPECULATION THAT PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS WOULD COME UNDER U.S. PRESSURE AT HELSINKI IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFEAT OF THE COMPROMISE AID TO TURKEY BILL BY THE HOUSE, AND GREECE'S SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO AND THE U.S. MORE RECENT REPORTS, HOWEVER, SINCE THE CONFERENCE GOT UNDER WAY, HAVE CONCENTRATED ON ACTUAL DEVELOPMENTS AT THE SUMMIT INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS' SPEECH, HIS BILATERAL MEETINGS AND REPORTS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S OFFER TO MEDIATE IN THE CYPRUS ISSUE.

2. THE PRESS HAS REPORTED FAVORABLY ON THE JULY 30

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LUNCHEON MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND PRIME

MINISTER CARAMANLIS. THE WORDS OF PRAISE WHICH BOTH
THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED ABOUT PRIME
MINISTER CARAMANLIS WERE INCLUDED IN THESE REPORTS.
THE PRESS REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENT TOLD THE
PRIME MINISTER THAT THE USG IS INTERESTED IN
IMPROVING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THAT THE U.S.
CONTINUES TO WANT TO HELP FIND A SOLUTION TO THE
CYPRUS PROBLEM. TWO NEWSPAPERS (TO VIMA AND TA NEA)
CARRIED A REPORT THAT PRESIDENT FORD APPEALED TO
CARAMANLIS FOR GREECE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY TO FILL THE
VOID CREATED BY THE CLOSING OF U.S. BASES IN TURKEY.

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